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1. U.S. DELEGATION STATEMENT AT THE MEETING OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS CALLED TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY ENDORSES THE EMPHASIS PLACED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL RESOURCES IF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE TO INCREASE THEIR FOOD
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PRODUCTION. WE SEE THE NEED TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION, IMPROVE

NUTRITION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AS ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING GLOBAL PROBLEMS.

THE UNITED STATES UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO INCREASE EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELCOMES THIS MEETING TO CLARIFY THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF THE FUND IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

WE HAVE ASSIGNED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO FOOD PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OUR OWN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE U.S. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FY-1975 INCLUDES \$476 MILLION FOR FOOD PRODUCTION, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NUTRITION COMPARED TO \$306 MILLION IN FY-1974. THE 1975 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM REPRESENTS 55 PERCENT OF OUR BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE EXCLUSIVE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND INDOCHINA. FOR FY-1976 WE ARE PROPOSING A PROGRAM OF \$679 MILLION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION WE ARE PROVIDING VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF FOOD AID. LAST YEAR THIS UNITED STATES PROVIDED 3.3 MILLION TONS OF GRAINS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE PROGRAMMED 5.6 MILLION TONS OF GRAINS FOR FOOD AID AND FOR FY-1976 BEGINNING THIS JULY 1 WE HAVE PROPOSED A PROGRAM OF APPROXIMATELY 6 MILLION TONS.

WE ALSO SUPPORT THE INCREASED EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE PART OF OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONORS.

WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT, IF OTHER COUNTRIES BELIEVE A NEW INSTITUTION IS REQUIRED TO BRING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO BEAR ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE FUND MEET THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION XIII, PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH EMPHASIZES THAT THE FUND GIVES PROMISE OF "GENERATING SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES"... "AND THAT ITS OPERATIONS HAVE A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF CONTINUITY".

IN OUR OPINION THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSURE SUBSTANTIALLY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS--BOTH THROUGH EXISTING ASSISTANCE MECHANISMS AND NEW INSTITUTIONS AND FROM TRADITIONAL AS WELL AS NEW DONORS. WE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEED TO ASSURE THAT THESE INCREASED LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO HAVE THE MOST URGENT NEEDS TO INCREASE THEIR FOOD PRODUCTION AND THEIR AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMS. UNQUOTE.

2. SINCE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, WE HAVE SEEN FLORA LEWIS ARTICLE IN INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF HERALD TRIBUNE WHICH WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DERIVED FROM CONTACTS/DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. DELEGATION. WILL

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